A True and Perfect Relation of the Taking and Destroying of a Sea-Monster,

As it was Atteſted by Mr. *Francis Searſon,* Surgeon, who was preſent at the Killing of him.

ON the 10th of *September* laſt we diſcover'd this Sea-Monſter upon the Coaſt of *Denmark*, which at firſt ſurprized us; for the Female was alſo with him, tumbling in the Water very near him, thereby cauſing great Waves both about and before them (which as we came near) we perceived they perform'd by plunging themſelves ſometimes under water, and other times by toſſing up their Tails, which were very large and broad. The Female was much leſs both in length and bulk than the Male; and being advanced nearer, we had full View of them both, their upper parts being viſible above Water. We were now within Cannon-Shot; whereupon the Capt. ordered ſome Guns to be forthwith fired at them; and 2 or 3 Balls very happily wounded the Male in the Head, which made them ſeparate, and the Male immediately made to the Shoar, which was about 2 Leagues diſtance. Upon which the Captain gave Orders to ſail after him, and when at ſome convenient diſtance, mann'd out two Boats with Men, each to attack him. The Monſter made reſiſtance by moving about in the water, and with his Tail Killed 3 of the Men in one boat, which ſo terrified the boats Crew, that they threw one of their Oars at him, which he haſtily catch'd up in his hand, and mounted aloft into the Air, and for ſome hours forced blood out of his Noſe (like water out of an Engine) which fell in great quantities into the boats, and upon the Men, which encouraged them to attack him more vigorouſly, perceiving that he was wounded. He continually tumbled about in his defence, gaped, foamed and made a moſt hideous Noiſe at his Mouth, and ſtunk exceſſively, and we were 24 hours in deſtroying him. The Female kept at ſome diſtance all the time, and appeared to be very diſconſolate, and made ſometimes towards the 2 boats, and other times the Ship, who ſent ſeveral Shots after her, which cauſed her to keep at the greater diſtance. In this Attack his head and one of his hands were much ſhattered; ſo that we cut off only one of his hands, by reaſon of the prodigious weight of the other parts, being alſo in fear of the Females Attacking our boats in our return to the Ship, having ſpent much time in viewing and meaſuring the ſeveral parts, which are as followeth.

1. The whole Creature weighed (according to Computation) at leaſt 50 Tuns, and was 70 Feet in length. 2. The upper part Reſembles a Man, from the middle downwards he was a Fiſh, had Fins, and a Forked Tail. 3. His head was of a great bulk, contain'd ſeveral hundreds of weight, and had a terrible aſpect. 4. He had ſhort, coarſe and curled hair upon his head. 5. His Noſe was long and large. 6. His Eyes were alſo large, and ſo were both his Ears. 7. His Mouth was Anſwerable; for when he opened it, it was at leaſt 2 yards wide. 8. His Teeth were thick, long and ſharp. 9. His Chin was 2 Feet long, and had a beard 16 Feet long. 10. His Neck was 1 yard long, and 4 yards round. 11 His Arms lar[ge] each. 12. This hand is 5 feet and an half long, 2 feet 3 Inches broad, and weighs ne[arly]